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# Tenants attack housing officials

## Coalition charges, HUD 'is arrogant and unresponsive'

NEWARK—During the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, many people were celebrating with parties and festive meals, many others were worrying about their next month's rent payment would come from, how to keep their children warm in a building without heat, or where they could find a home their family can afford.

On December 5, "Housing Crisis 92: The Struggle Continues, Voices for Action" was held at the Second Presbyterian Church. The public hearing, organized by the citywide HUD Tenants' Coalition, drew attention to the ongoing problem of the lack of affordable housing in decent condition.

"There are so many buildings where people are paying high rents, and yet living in fear, and anger because of the conditions which the landlord allows in the building," said Frank Hutchins, one of the events organizers. People from all parts of Newark presented testimony about living without heat, hot water and elevator service, even though they are paying high rent. They spoke about landlords without compassion, and bureaucratic agencies which are unresponsive. Some even spoke about being homeless.

Sheila Hall, the woman that Hunter spoke about, said, "My son will not make it. Last year I lost my daughter, I

have been diagnosed. I have no family at all to help me. They told me I must be out by next Thursday. After next Thursday, I don't know what will happen."

Eloise Washington, a tenant at Clinton Arms Apartments said that her building has mice and rats and major sewage problems.

"We have back ups and sometimes it comes through tenants apartments and straight out the door," she said. "We have called in the city, but they will haven't done anything."

A tenant, who asked to remain anonymous because she "is afraid of repercussions from the landlord," discussed the hard times that her family is facing. Her daughter and two grandchildren came to live with her after the daughter's marriage failed. Because she allowed her daughter—who was on the waiting list to get an apartment in the building—to stay with her, she may now be evicted.

"Now both my daughter and I are looking for someplace to move," the tenant said. "I have worked for this building, I have given of my own time, and done a lot for this building. With this new management, if this is the way they feel, it can never be my home again."

Eloise Hunter, a tenant at Amity Village, told a story about a woman who is being thrown out of her apartment because she has fallen behind in her rent payments. The landlord is angry. However, that the woman and her son have been diagnosed with cancer, and only a year after she lost her daughter to the illness.

"They didn't even come out to tell this woman to find out what was the problem," Hunter said. "This child has cancer. I don't care who you are, landlord or whoever, I think that anyone should have some compassion when someone is ill. Helped the landlord out at times. Now they won't allow this dying child to stay in his apartment during Christmas time. I feel that everyone should have heart."

She continued, "Because people have low income, they feel that these people are worthy to receive any kind of consideration. But anyone can be homeless. Anyone can be low income. A situation can cause anyone to live in low income."

Priscilla Christopher, a tenant of the building located at 440 Elizabeth Avenue, said that a HUD building is a building where federal monies are funneled directly to management, or to a private agency like New Jersey Mortgage Finance Agency.

"It's layers of bureaucracy that are funded by public monies. The HUD housing is used to provide to low and moderate income people 'decent, safe'

housing. It's supposed to be also affordable, which is not," Christopher said.

According to Christopher, the problem with HUD housing is that landlords don't care whether or not the tenants are paying the services that are basic to housing, such as heat, water and electricity. She said that the tenants of the building constantly to the violations department complain and that the building has had over 700 violations in public records at a time.

"Everyone knows that we are not getting what we pay for. Many of these buildings could very easily be condemned, because their maintenance has been so poor.... Our landlords and HUD and NJMFA (New Jersey Mortgage Finance Agency) are only interested in getting their rent. They don't care whether or not we get the services. As long as you pay your rent and you do not complain you are the ideal tenant," Christopher said. "If you complain to your landlord, or the agencies that are supposed to monitor them, they label you as a 'troublemaker'. A troublemaker is a person who wants what they are paying for."

Christopher said that her landlord is "well connected," he has friends in high places. She said that he has not paid mortgage on the building in more than four years. "I wonder if I had not paid my rent for 51 months, would I still be living there?" she asked.

Yvonne Prather, acting president of Hallmark House Apartments, said that the headquarters of the owners of her building is in Santa Monica, Ca. "They own property all over the U.S.," she said. "They get tax abatements. They are shunlonda. How can you have all these rich shunlonda getting tax abatements?"

Sylvia Zisman of Jobs With Peace Campaign said, "I am concerned about how our tax dollars are not come back to help us. Our scarce tax dollars are going to a big military budget. We all pay taxes, even if we rent. Out of each tax dollar, only 2 cents go for housing, 47 cents go to the military. We need a national housing budget."

Janice Adams, a tenant at Forest Hill Terrace Apartments, added, "We can support wars in foreign lands to make sure that people make their profits but we seem not to have the consciousness to take care of people when they are in need."

According to Nancy Zak, HUD Tenants' Coalition, the Coalition began in 1987. The organization began with eight buildings and is now working with the tenant leadership from about 18 complexes.

"We have been saying to HUD and moderate income people 'decent, safe'

## Somali Prime Minister speaks to African-American cousins

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## Plainfield's third annual D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony

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Governor Jim Florio recently signed a proclamation declaring February Black History Month in New Jersey. Pictured with the Governor is Dr. Deborah Wolfe, a member of the New Jersey Board of Higher Education.

## Governor speaks out against bias incident at Rider College

"The African-American arts and culture we enjoy together this month are part of the bias that bind us together," said Governor Florio at a ceremony at the State Museum, sponsored by the Carter G. Woodson Foundation, during which he proclaimed February as "Black History Month" and spoke out against a recent bias incident at Rider College, more racism and religious prejudice.

Noting that the incident was initiated by young people "who have the privilege of going to college" and not young kids or people of limited education, the Governor said, "We need strong laws to crush any traces of racism and sexism on our college campuses.... Activities that ridicule or degrade others have no place in our schools or anywhere in this country. We're not going to let racial bias intimidate or pressure any student in our state into thinking that any college door is closed to them."

The Governor detailed a proposal from his recent State of the State address aimed at tapping the idealism and energy of college students. New Jersey First, which is built around an expansion of the Governor's Advisory Council on Volunteerism, will utilize \$1.8 million in federal grants to help expand community service for students K-12, create a leadership institute for college students, expand the state's Youth Corps program for high school drop-outs and develop an Urban Schools Service Corps to involve community members in the state's special needs districts.

The governor stated that "racism is funny." He explained that it is dangerous and destructive for everyone. He also said that every "bias incident that goes unpunished breeds



## NJ Nets Stay in School Program begins in Orange

Mayor Robert L. Brown of the City of Orange and Leon Rivers (foreground) of New Jersey Nets meet with excited students from Hayward School in Orange as they await the start of the NBA stay in school program. Hayward is one of only two elementary pilot schools to introduce the program in New Jersey. The program puts respected NBA coaches and players right into the schools to talk about the importance of school. The students and teacher of the home room with the best overall academic performance, will be rewarded with free tickets to the March 19 Nets game against the Milwaukee Bucks, which is the New Jersey Nets Stay in School Night at the Meadowlands Arena.

## The Illegal Alien Crisis: A Matter of Ethics, not Economics

by Ray Brumacall

In 1938 my sister Julia graduated from high school and took a job as a domestic with a well-to-do businessman and his family in my hometown of Ludlow, Mass. He required regular hours, paid a decent wage, treated her well, and helped her become a respected member of our working community.

I can't help but contrast that healthy employer/employee relationship with the relatively convoluted situation three well-to-do political aspirants from both parties, I might add, find themselves in as a result of hiring illegal aliens to work as domestics.

All three readily admit to being on the wrong side of law; there's been a wide range of views expressed regarding the severity of their violations.

But what's eluded public debate so far is the fact that, as employers, all have been on the wrong side of the moral law as well.

Lately we've seen an increasing and disturbing trend among the wealthy and disinterested in the under-

ground economy by hiring illegal aliens to care for their property as well as their families—a conscious violation of the law by people who have other options readily available to them.

Many of them, however, take the position—shared, to varying degrees, by all three political figures recently in the news—that while the relationship with their employees was illegal, it proved to be one of mutual convenience and benefit.

The employer received affordable domestic care; the employees received an income, in many cases, a lifestyle far surpasses that which they would have enjoyed in their native countries. But that position is disingenuous at best. A quick study of the facts surrounding the employment of illegal aliens reveals enough inherent ethical, let alone legal, problems to give any respectable, civic-minded employer pause.

Illegal aliens, for example, are not covered by the American workers' classic "safety net" and benefits package—unemployment and disability insurance, workers' compensation, vacation, etc.

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## Blacks make history at NASA

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Bernard A. Harris, Jr., M.D., makes his first flight aboard the U.S. Space Shuttle Columbia, this month, to conduct experiments exploring the behavior of humans, living organisms and materials.

Columbia, the flagship of the Shuttle fleet, will make its 14th voyage into Earth orbit carrying a crew of seven, including two German payload specialists. The primary payload is Spacelab D2, named for the second Shuttle mission dedicated to Germany. Spacelab D1 was flown in 1985. Spacelab is a self-contained, space-based research laboratory carried inside the Shuttle's 60-foot-long cargo bay.

Harris, 36, was born in Temple, Texas. He received a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of Houston in 1978 and received a doctorate of medicine from Texas Tech School of Medicine in 1982. Harris completed a residency in internal medicine at the Mayo Clinic in 1985, completed a National Research Council Fellowship at NASA's Ames Research Center in 1987 and trained as a flight surgeon at the Aerospace School of Medicine at Brooks Air

Force Base in San Antonio in 1988. Harris joined NASA in 1987, serving as a clinical surgeon and flight surgeon at the Johnson Space Center until his selection as an astronaut in January 1990.

Also making NASA history during this Black History Month is Dr. Lonnie Reid, a nationally known fluid dynamics expert at NASA's

Lewis Research Center in Cleveland. Dr. Reid will be the first NASA researcher and one of three African-Americans in the Hall of Fame, is being honored for his pioneering work in integrating theoretical and experimental methods in the science of fluid dynamics. Fluid dynamics is the study of the interaction between fluids and objects, such as air flowing through the various parts of a jet engine.

Reid's service at Lewis Research Center spans 31 years. He has written more than 25 technical papers on the design, analysis and performance of transonic compressors for advanced gas turbine engines, and has received other awards for his accomplishments.

Reid earned a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Tennessee State University in 1961. He received a master of science degree in mechanical engineering in 1972 and a doctorate in engineering science in 1990, both from the University of Toledo.



Lonnie Reid



Bernard A. Harris, Jr., M.D.

## 50th Wedding Celebration



William and Doris Wade (center) of Newark celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on January 31. Mrs. Gloria Jackson and Mrs. Juanita Wilson, the couple's daughters, hosted a dinner party for their parents at Ruben's Supper Club on Court Street. Pictured with the couple are their granddaughters, Mashari Wilson (left), a student at Douglass College, Rutgers University, and Leah Jackson (right), a graduate of Clark University in Atlanta. The Wades have lived in the Newark area for most of their lives, but they spent 12 years in Ghana, West Africa. They said that their marriage has lasted for 50 years because they not only love each other, but they also like each other. Relatives and friends who knew William and Doris in their early years wished the couple God's blessings and a happy and healthy 50 more years. Photo credit: Ray A. Moss

## Grace Cunningham, First woman chair of Newark's Irish Parade

NEWARK—For the first time in 58 years the Newark's St. Patrick's Day Parade's General Chairman will be a woman.

Grace C. Cunningham, a resident of West Orange, was elected to the committee's top executive post, which is responsible for the overall conduct of the parade, at a meeting attended by representatives of more than 104 Irish-American organizations.

The 58th Newark St. Patrick's Day Parade, New Jersey's oldest and largest Irish-American celebration, is scheduled for Sunday, March 21, in the Vailsburg section of Newark. Twelve counties in New Jersey will send marching units to the 1993 New-

ark parade, which was first organized in 1936.

Cunningham, Deputy Grand Marshal of the parade in 1989, has been a member of the parade committee since 1975. She served as First Vice-Chairperson from 1987-1992. She is a member of numerous Irish-American organizations including the Giblein, Cryan and McGovern Associations and the New Jersey Irish Festival Committee.

Cunningham, a Senior Benefit Specialist for AT&T Network Systems in Newark's Gateway Center in Newark, is the mother of two college-aged students, Patrick, a student at NJIT, and Mary Ellen, a student at Mt. St. Mary's College.

## Benefit for The Essex County Family Violence Project

NEWARK—On Saturday, March 13, The Essex County Family Violence Project will be the recipient of A Benefit Dinner Dance, sponsored by St. Mary's Chapter No. 3, Order of the Eastern Star (Women of Distinction). The Honorary Chairperson will be the Honorable Sarah B. Boat, President of Essex County Producers.

The Essex County Family Violence Project has been selected to be the recipient of the financial support of the Women of Distinction for the next three years. This is the first of three annual benefits.

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Mary Smith, Executive Director of Family Violence Project, and the presentation will be made by Jeri M. Harmon, Worthington of St. Mary's Chapter No. 3, O.E.S.; Acquaintance Robinson, Acquaintance Matron; and Cheryl Dinkins, Secretary.

The benefit, Sisterhood "If My Sister Gets in Trouble," will be held at 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn North, 160 Holiday Inn Plaza.

The tickets are \$40 and can be obtained at Fullman's Union, 1049 Clinton Avenue in Irvington, or by calling Jeri Harmon, 201-763-2018, or Acquaintance Robinson, 201-678-1567.

## oping

By Dr. Charles W. Faulkner

Your happiness is in your hands. Use this advice and make it happen.

26. Choose to be happy. (Don't decide to let your emotions make you unhappy.)

It's your choice. Don't say, "I have always gotten angry and depressed when things have gone wrong, and I always will." Do not predict your own negative and destructive behavior. Predict the best behavior possible and try to achieve it. Tell yourself: "I may have become easily angered in the past, but the next time, I will try, very hard, to keep my emotions under control."

It may very well be hard for you to keep your emotions under control, but it is not impossible. When you get angry, it is because you have made the decision not to control your emotions. If you are as mature as you say you are, you will control your emotions the way a mature person does. If you allow your emotions to explode in the presence of others, the way a child does, then you are a child emotionally. You can't fool your feelings.

Since it's your choice, you should say, "I am going to stop letting my emotions control me at this very moment. I am in charge of my own feelings. It is silly and immature to let my emotions con-

trol me. Since I am not silly and immature, I will carefully control my emotions in the future by being calm and rational. I promise."

27. Change your personality. (Don't accept your behavior as being out of your control.)

You don't like your procrastination? It's simple. Stop procrastinating. You don't like your impatience? No problem. Just stop being impatient. You don't like getting angry all the time? Fine! All that you have to do is control your emotions. Be patient. You must take charge of

your own behavior. You are responsible for the trouble it causes. Control it before it causes another trouble — for you or others.

28. Change your personality. (Don't think that you are trapped forever inside of a personality that you don't like.)

If you are nervous and don't like being nervous, stop acting nervous. Eventually, your personality will lose its nervousness. It probably will take a bit of time, and it probably won't be easy, but it will work.

29. Make good things hap-

pen. (Don't expect magic, because it won't happen.)

The magic is in you. If you try hard to succeed, you probably will, eventually. If you do not try to succeed, you will most likely fail. "Magic" is only a word. Your success requires your continuous, everyday hard work. That's magic and it's easy to master. Astrology, religion, palm reading and extra-sensory perception are theories. Don't use them as a crutch. Don't depend on them to do what you are capable of doing yourself.

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## Deadline set for nominating petitions for school board

PLAINFIELD—Prospective candidates for the Plainfield Board of Education have until Thursday, February 25 at 4 p.m. to file nominating petitions. According to Gary Ottmann, secretary of the board of education, the election this year for new members of the school board will take place on Tuesday, April 20.

Each school board candidate, including incumbents, must submit a nominating petition to the secretary of the board signed by at least 10 people whose names are on the district. The term for board members is three years. There are four openings this year on the school board.

## Community Calendar

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

EDISON—Expectant couples can receive a free tour of the Maternity and Child Care Center at JFK Medical Center in Edison from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

EAST ORANGE—The Parent Advocacy Group for Education (PAGE) will host its first annual information fair — Parent Involvement v. Parent Participation — from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at East Orange High School's D'Onofrio Warwick Auditorium. For more info, call Ann Moore at 201-266-5363 (weekdays).

NEWARK—The Michael R. Ivey Memorial Program will host a community support program in honor of Black History Month from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Friendly Fuld Neighborhood Center, 168 Quaint St. For more info, call 201-642-2747.

PLAINFIELD—A "Multicultural Community" will be held at Plainfield High School featuring a fashion show, a multimedia exhibit, a debate, a closing exercises and workshops including family drug awareness and a career and life development, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28

PLAINFIELD—The Strand Theatre will present "Make A Joyful Noise" at 5:00 p.m. at the Strand Theatre at Kenilworth. For more info, call 908-463-8703.

UNION—The New Jersey Ballet Company will present "Sleeping Beauty" at 5:00 p.m. at the Wilson Theatre at Kenilworth. For more info, call 908-527-2337.

SOMERVILLE—The Can't Wait Go To Go Alike Family Show "Time Show" will be packed full of motion, music, and make-believe. Admission for children is \$1, adults \$5 at the Theater at Raritan Valley Community College at 2:00 p.m. For more info, call 908-726-3430.

FRIDAY, MARCH 5

WESTFIELD—"Abuse in the American Family: Working Towards a Solution Through Community Involvement" will be the topic of a seminar at the offices of the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Union County in Westfield from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This course earns 6 credits toward CAG-CADC certification or recertification. For more info, call 908-233-0810.

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## EDITORIAL

## Defending our 'Roots'

With the recent premiere of "Queen," there have been accusations made that Alex Haley fabricated the tales of his family's "Roots." Some have speculated that he completely made up the tale. Others suggest that he plagiarized his story from other novels.

But does it really matter if this man, now deceased and unable to defend himself, did not tell the whole truth about his ancestry? Does it matter if he added a few details, maybe even an aunt or two, for the sake of drama?

The reality of the situation is that "Roots" is the story of every African in America who traces his or her ancestors back to the era of slavery. It is fairly safe to assume that the experiences of most of the Africans who were forced to come here were pretty much the same.

Any African in America who traces his or her "Roots" might find a Kunta Kinte. Kunta represents the beginning of our roots in America. He was the last tie to Africa. He attempted to hold onto his identity—only to have it beaten out of him in the end—so that he could teach his children about their real ancestors on the Motherland.

Any African in America who traces his or her "Roots" might find a Kizzie. Kizzie is the first generation African American. She has no first-hand knowledge of the Motherland but, because of her father's teachings, she knew that she was not just a dumb, slave, like "massa" said. Her quest to learn to read, despite the danger, grew from her pride and desire to overcome slavery.

Any African in America who traces his or her "Roots" might also find a Chicken George. Chicken George is the second generation African American. He, too, was full of pride and wit. He used his ingenuity to earn and save enough money to buy his freedom and, eventually, land on which his family began their lives as free men.

"Roots" taught Americans—most of whom knew all about what the Jews were forced to endure in World War II Germany, but had little or no idea about what Africans were forced to endure in Pre-Civil War southern U.S.A.—about the "holocaust" of slavery. It taught Americans about the racism and deep-seated prejudice against black people that exists (exists) in the country. Most importantly, "Roots" taught Americans, black Americans, about themselves. It taught them to be proud of, instead of disgraced by, their enslaved ancestors who fought to overcome slavery so that their grandchildren could one day be free to rule, as their grandparents had.

## The Illegal Alien Crisis

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All three could have, without exaggeration, changed the conditions of employment with a snap of their fingers—and they chose not to do so.

I fear that what we are witnessing in the three cases at hand is the emergence of a social sentiment that encourages people of means to believe in a privilege based on an aristocracy of wealth.

Implicitly sanctioned for more than a decade, this aristocracy is rooted in the belief that the rights of individuals and the law and the need to treat workers with respect and dignity are both secondary to matters of personal privilege and financial self-interest.

It is a dangerous attitude rooted, I think, in the misperception of special privilege—of being a class unto itself.

Psychologists say that the healthiest relationships are not paternal, but are based on mutual need and mutual satisfaction. And it's the empowered worker, not the subjugated alien, who is pivotal to a healthy employer/employee relationship.

That's not what we're witnessing here. For when the legal issues are settled, and all the back taxes are paid, history will record these aspirants for high office who behaved in such a way as to suggest, at best, a cavalier attitude toward both the law as well as to their responsibilities as employers.

Sadly, they didn't have to take that approach. The worker best qualified to look after their property and family may have been nearer to them than they believed—especially if the terms of employment had been expressed as deeply as their ambition for public office.

As the well-to-do businessman in my hometown understood, there are ways of doing what's best for your family and your society—if you really want to.

Ray Bramucci is the New Jersey Commissioner of Labor.

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## By Connie Woodruff

Whatever sacrifices President Clinton is asking his fellow countrymen to make in a desperate effort to halt our financial downward spiral seems reasonable in the face of what we've been suffering for the last 12 years of Reaganomics and Bush bungledomics.

The President's tax and cut package and whatever other action it is necessary to take may be a welcome change for the very rich and powerful. It's not the Clintonian approach we fear but how the financial burden may be increased by additional taxes and costs could be compounded by state, county and municipal governments.

Bill Clinton and his designers are busily selling the presidential plan around the country. They're talking to business, industry, labor and judicial folks.

They should be talking long and hard to elected officials like state legislators, governors, county administrators, mayors and councilmembers and women.

Whether or not we remain to be seen but the president has invited all Americans to send him a better idea, a better plan (if they have one) to get us out of our present dilemma.

I'm suggesting his operatives ask governments at all levels to hold the line while we give his package a chance to work. We may manage one pain at a time. A double whammy may do us in.

## Tenants attack housing officials

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involved in trying to preserve the supply of public housing in Newark and to make it more safe and more liveable for people who live there.

He talked about a law suit that NCLIH was involved with in 1989 to stop demolition of about 500 units—then the Housing Authority to repair vacant apartments. As a result of that lawsuit, a court agreement was reached requiring NHA Newark Housing Authority to construct 177 new apartments to replace Columbus Homes (near St. 280), and there will also a provision for the NHA to repair and rent 2,000 of its vacant apartments.

Finn says that NHA has not followed the agreement. "They have not built a single new apartment in 5 years, and as far as vacant apartments, it has been pretty much a farce. Their records show that they have rented 3000 apartments in the last couple years—however a lot of this was moving tenants from one floor to another," he said.

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in my quiet times I often think of people in our community who have made significant contributions to young and old and social publicity, fanfare and sensationalism.

I will now add to that rather short list the late artist, Don Miller whose Jamaican born parents made Montclair their adopted family home years ago.

I will remember Don Miller as a dignified, sensitive human being whose paintings told us more about the personality in him than he ever would. He would become animated when giving a lecture about art and next to putting his emotions on canvas, e most enjoyed to freelance. It turned out to be a productive decision for Don and the art world as a whole.

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He quickly became a favorite with serious collectors throughout the world while his sketch was in black and white with shades of gray or splashed with color.

In the last decade and a half he produced some of his most creative work. Two major commissions include portraits in the Budweiser and Revlon areas of the Great Kings of Africa and Great Queens of Africa.

Critics will argue his best work is the bigger than life mural in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library in Washington, D.C. depicting Dr. King and a cast of thousands engaged in long, arduous

civil rights struggle.

Two years ago he completed a series of portraits of past and present members of the Newark City Council that are prominently displayed in the council chambers and this past summer Bethany Baptist Church unveiled Miller's mosaic, a three panel painting depicting the evolution of religious roots from Africa to contemporary era. Eventually the drawing will be the focal point in a meditation chapel to be built adjacent the Newark Church.

Don Miller and his widow, Dr. Julia Miller, retired head of Secon Hall University's Dept. of African American History, are almost as well known in the United States. Both spent many years researching their individual interest in third world nations. It was one of many reasons Miller could translate on canvas the vital lifestyles and cultures of the African continent.

The memorial service held by the family was a celebration of life for a man who knew the joy of life and love of beauty to devote of his art form.

The closeness of his family was an example to those who studied his guidance and those who singled him out as a mentor and friend.

In addition to his wife, he is mourned by two sons, Craig and Eric of Ohio and California, his mother, Mrs. Rhena Miller, two brothers, Claude and Kenneth, a sister, Mrs. Ethel Henderson and a grandson, Julian Abernethy - not to mention the thousands who know the man, admire his genius and enjoy the fruits of his labor.

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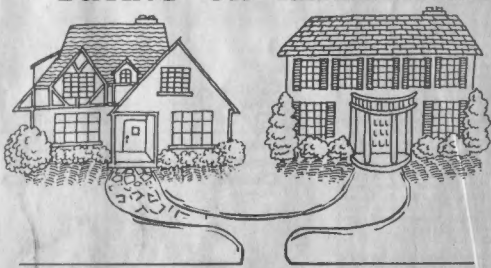
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## Third annual D.A.R.E. graduation in Plainfield



Plainfield Mayor Harold Mitchell (l) stands with the graduates of D.A.R.E.



Pictured (l-r) are Detective Donald B. Moye, D.A.R.E. graduate, Jacqueline Malloy, Mayor Harold Mitchell, Det. Thelma Nieves, and Sgt. Steve Jordan.

by Christina Adams

Approximately 240 excited fifth and sixth grade students from within the Plainfield school system graduated from the City's D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program on Thursday, February 11. Participants in the third annual graduation ceremony were from F.W. Cook, Washington,

Evergreen and Clinton schools.

Since November of last year D.A.R.E. instructors Det. Thelma Nieves and Det. Donald B. Moye, under the supervision of Sgt. Stephen M. Jordan, taught the youngsters an important educational lesson of life—how to resist drugs! The diverse group of students put on skits, read poems and performed drills, all in the spirit of spreading the D.A.R.E. message.

The program focuses on four major areas:

- (1) Providing accurate information about tobacco, alcohol and drugs
- (2) Teaching students decision-making skills
- (3) Showing students how to resist peer pressure
- (4) Giving students ideas for alternatives to drug use

During the ceremony, Det. Moye

presented Dr. Annette Kearney, Plainfield Superintendent of Schools, with a plaque from Sugar Ray Leonard congratulating the Plainfield school system for endorsing the D.A.R.E. program.

Dr. Kearney plans to display the plaque in an area visible for all to see. One outstanding student from each class received a special medalion along with their D.A.R.E. certificate. Those students are: Jordan Reid, Neil

Persaud, Dwayne Blandin, Kathy Brandon, Crystal Dowling, Chiu Chin Kwan, Rachel Smith, Latoya Gardner, Laurn DeJesus, and Cory Bryant.

Children today face many choices that will effect them throughout their entire life. With more programs like D.A.R.E. children can maintain positive lifestyles. It is the responsibility of concerned parents to see that the education begins in their own backyards

first. Parents, communities, schools and city officials must work together to nurture the children so their dreams can become a reality. The difference can be made if you care. Do you D.A.R.E. to care?

Christina Adams is the parent of Jacqueline Malloy, a student at Evergreen School and a graduate of the D.A.R.E. program.

## Producer of 'Here and Now' visits Morton Street School

NEWARK—George Crosby, producer of the WNBC-TV show, "Here and Now," will visit Morton Street School on Wednesday, March 2, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., during a Black History Month program in honor of present-day role models.

Crosby, one of the few African-American producers of a major television show, recently invited the school's eighth graders to a taping of his show, which is co-produced by William "Bill" Cosby and features Malcolm Jamal Warner.

Crosby's visit on Wednesday is a follow-up to the studio taping and will give students a chance to have a more in-depth conversation with the producer. He promised to meet with the students again after their recent visit was cut short due to the long taping schedule.

Crosby will discuss his experiences prior to the "Here and Now" show, his educational background, the importance of preparing for a career while still in school and the role of African-American professionals in the

broadcast media.

George Crosby was introduced to Morton Street School by Guidance Counselor Betty Maloney, who called WNBC-TV and asked for tickets for her students to visit the show.

Maloney came up with the idea of parents accompanying the students on the trip. She shared the idea with other colleagues at the school who advised her to include the Princeton Leadership Training Program, which has a partnership with the school.

As a result of this contact, Rutgers University Consortium for Pre-College Programs and the Washington Post, members of the Princeton Leadership Training Program, agreed to provide buses, coordinators, and materials for a parental workshop that focused on utilizing television and newspapers as learning tools.

Parents were briefed about television production prior to the trip and took part in a workshop while en route to New York. Students rode on a separate bus that featured activities and an orientation about television production.

## Summer program for those interested in medicine

HOUSTON—Minority college students and graduates interested in pursuing a medical degree may apply for a six-week summer program held at Baylor College of Medicine and Rice University, both in Houston.

The national program, funded in

part by a grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, is designed to increase minority representation in medicine by enhancing the participants' competitiveness in the medical school application process.

Admission is based on academic

achievement and interest in medical careers. Participants must be African American, Mexican American, mainland Puerto Rican or Native American.

Application deadline is March 5, 1993. For more information call 800-633-6445.

## Robinson and Nimmons named "Students of the Month" for January



Tyronette Nimmons (left) and Eugene Robinson

IRVINGTON—Irvington High School Seniors Eugene Robinson and Tyronette Nimmons were named "Students of the Month" for January.

The Irvington Lions Club named Eugene Robinson "Boy of the Month." He has been athletically active as a senior, playing baseball, football and basketball. In fact, he is currently the captain of the baseball team.

Robinson serves as vice presi-

dent of the Class of 1993. His leadership skills have also been utilized as a Peer Leader and in the ROTC program. Currently, Robinson is ranked 22nd in his graduating class. A future in computer science lies ahead for the senior.

Nimmons, who is ranked third in her class, has aspirations of becoming an investment attorney. Her extracurricular activities have included:

the Student Council, Students Against Crack, the jazz band, Peer Leadership and the Key Club.

A National Honor Society member, Nimmons has been named Who's Who Among American High School Students for three years. So far, she has applied to Douglass and Cook Colleges of Rutgers University, Drew University, St. Peter's College, Montclair State and Howard Univer-

## Youth Excited about Success

Reginald Johnson of Plainfield High School recently signed a full athletic scholarship, for football, to Purdue University. David Moore of Plainfield has been named to the Headmaster's Honor Roll at Oratory Catholic Prep School for both the first semester and second quarter. Three Newark residents have earned academic honors for the second marking period at St. Peter's Preparatory School: Joseph Petrecca earned First Honors, Alben Fischer earned Second Honors and Domenick Trimarco received Honorable Mention. Kean College students Shirley Scherer and Hilary Jennott of Plainfield; Mack Mills of Irvington; Tony Al-Amin of Newark; and Juana Collazo, Kathleen McNally, Benedict Lagana and Laura Spood of Elizabeth were among the 14 students recently inducted into New Jersey's Alpha Kappa Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the national honor society for part-time students. Nora R. Reilly and Thoi Q. Tran of Plainfield; Desirée A. Minette of Newark; Regan M. Yeldell of Irvington; Susan J. McCre, Julio O. Zambrano, Tracy A. Henkes, and Ivanhoe I. Sison of Elizabeth; and Francine A. Delizer, Kimberly M. Newton, Michelle L. Hayes and Jan S. Youssef of Jersey City, were all named to the Dean's List at Trenton State College for the 1992 fall semester.

## 22,000 schools across the country will receive 'Eyes on the Prize'

SOMERS, N.Y.—"Watching 'Eyes on the Prize' might make you feel angry. It might make you feel proud. But it will most definitely make you think!"

"That's how Malcolm Jamal Warner (Theo from "The Cosby Show") commented on "Eyes on the Prize." In his special introduction of the Emmy Award-winning documentary on the civil rights struggle as well as archival footage, "Eyes on the Prize" has been widely hailed as the best overview of the civil rights struggle yet made. The documentary focuses on the years 1954 - 1965, when the movement was at its zenith.

The "Eyes on the Prize" videocassettes will be shipped with

groups nationwide as part of its February 1993 Black History Month program.

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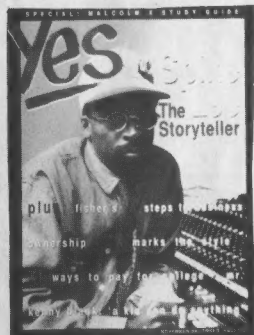
a video educational kit that includes a study guide, a set of four posters and a survey response card. The video educational kit will be distributed to 20,000 senior high schools, 117 historically and predominantly Black colleges and universities, some 500 media outlets, and more than 1,000 African-American community organizations across the U.S.

"Eyes on the Prize," originally aired on the PBS Television Network, is narrated by Julian Bond.

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## The Jenkins Brothers appear in concert to raise funds for area homeless



The Jenkins Brothers

**PISCATAWAY**—The Strand Theatre of Plainfield will be the home of the first annual "Make A Joyful Noise" performance on February 28 at 4 p.m. Scheduled to appear are nationally acclaimed recording artists, The Jenkins Brothers, a product of the greater Plainfield community and of the Middlesex County area.

The Alma McLeod Foundation, Inc.—a non-profit corporation whose programs, projects and policies are designed to reclaim many from homelessness, poverty and hunger—is fighting the plight of homelessness and hunger in the greater Plainfield

community and the nation by augmenting its regular fund-raisers with the concert.

The foundation has begun what they believe will be the first national and continual effort, by those in the gospel music field, to provide entertainment through which all proceeds raised shall go directly to the foundation and their efforts to effect a change in the conditions of the people that they serve.

Tickets are only \$10, \$5 for students and senior citizens. Advance ticket reservations are recommended. Call 908-755-6552 for details.

## Save over \$1,000 a year on your grocery bill

Use coupons! That's the secret. Redeeming coupons is a proven way to save money when buying food and other products from your local supermarket.

Most people are familiar with the coupon inserts that arrive in the Sunday edition of mass-marketed newspapers. While that may be an effective means of getting Coupons into the hands of the white population, manufacturers have realized that they must take special efforts to reach minorities. Most African Americans prefer their Black-owned newspapers to the mass-marketed paper. The news contained in the Black-owned papers is more applicable to their lives and surveys show that African Americans must Black-owned newspapers as a source of news more than mass-marketed newspapers.

MPI Coupon Distribution, a Black-owned company founded by former Fortune 100 sales and marketing executives, will begin distribution manufacturers' coupons through Black-owned newspapers around the country.

According to Darryl Mobley, CEO, "There's a big myth out there that Blacks don't redeem coupons. The fact is, manufacturers have not been able to get coupons to Blacks effectively. We feel the Black press is the best way to reach Black consumers."

By using the coupons you find in your local Black newspaper, there is no need to pay the regular price of most supermarket products. In fact, it's estimated that the average Black family can save \$20 to \$35 dollars a week by using coupons such as the ones you can find in this newspaper.

Here are some reasons why you should use the coupons you'll find in your Black Newspaper:

1. You will save money every time you shop for groceries.
2. You'll be able to try expensive products for far less than their normal price.
3. The money you save can add up and be used to buy a nice present, or even a vacation for yourself.
4. You'll be "shopping smart" and keeping more

of your hard earned money!

So, now you know. Coupons can help you save significantly on your grocery bills. All major supermarkets accept them as well as discount stores such as Wal-Mart and K-Mart. The first key to their effective use is to remember to take them with you every time you go shopping. The second key is to be organized in your storage and usage of the coupons. Coupon organizers are inexpensive and can be a great time saver. Finally, try to time your shopping trips during in-store promotions or double-coupon days. Additionally, most manufacturers' coupons can be used with coupons issued by the store, thus providing greater savings.

Using these coupons will not only save you money but also help your Black-owned newspaper. According to Mr. Mobley, "Black Newspapers will be judged by how well these coupons are redeemed by Black consumers. The better the redemption, the more manufacturers will use Black-owned newspapers to deliver money-saving coupons."

## Muhlenberg dedicates its interfaith chapel

**PLAINFIELD**—Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center dedicated its Interfaith Chapel as a house of healing accessible to persons of all religions.

"The chapel is a center of caring, loving and sharing," said Garrett M. Keating, M.D., chairman of the Board of Governors, in a dedication ceremony held on Wednesday, February 10. "To have a chapel of this type to share with all faiths is outstanding."

More than \$80,000 was raised by almost 300 contributors specifically for the new chapel, according to Kenneth W. Turnbull, chairman of the Muhlenberg Foundation. "More important than the dollar figure is the commitment of hundreds of people who care deeply for others' spiritual needs as well as their own."

Open 24 hours and located off the medical center's Main Lobby, the chapel features a stained glass "Tree of Life" which establishes a mood for prayer and meditation. There is a daily scripture reading at 9 a.m. and Catholic Mass is celebrated every day at noon.

The Mass is televised over the medical center's closed circuit television, making it available to hospital patients in their rooms. Moreover, the chapel's channel is always on and patients can seek solace in the Tree of Life, which is accompanied by appropriate music, said the Rev. Aloysius Carney, one of Muhlenberg's two chaplains.

The dedication was attended by about 70 persons, including employees, donors, clergymen, auxiliaries and volunteers.



Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center's two chaplains, Rev. Aloysius Carney and Rev. David Quiring, (second and third from left) discuss dedication of the Interfaith Chapel with Garrett M. Keating, M.D., chairman of Muhlenberg's Board of Governors (left) and Kenneth W. Turnbull, chairman of the Muhlenberg Foundation.

## Applications are due

### Non-profit Housing Development Grants:

Grant applications of Newark-based community development corporations (CDCs) who wish to develop low and moderate income housing projects must be received at Newark Collaboration Group headquarters by 5 p.m. on February 26, 1993.

The renewable \$20,000 awards will provide management assistance and partial operating support for up to six Newark CDCs. In addition to being located in Newark, interested organizations must be non-profit, tax-exempt, and meet other requirements described in the application package.

Applications and complete instructions for the grants are available from the Newark Collaboration Group at 50 Park Place, Suite 835, Newark, NJ 07106, or by calling the NCG office at 201-624-1007.

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## Celebration of Black History...

## 'Martin' pledges support for Sickle Cell and MS

LOS ANGELES—For a most successful hit of the season, "Martin," had a very special three-part story on February 4, 11 and 18 that benefited two charities, The National Association for Sickle Cell Disease, Inc. and The National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

In the story Martin and his girlfriend Gina (Tisha Campbell) broke up and began dating other people. Viewers of the show got involved by dialing a 1-800-900 number to vote on the final outcome of the show. From February 11-16, telephone lines were open so that viewers could vote on who should apologize first, Gina or Martin.



Martin Lawrence — Photo by Michael Grecco

Two different endings were filmed and the poll results determined which was to be broadcast for the third episode — viewers decided that Martin should apologize.

Martin Lawrence has chosen to give a portion of the proceeds from the calls, each costing 75 cents, to the National Association for Sickle Cell Disease, in support of their efforts to find a cure for the illness. The National Multiple Sclerosis Society will also share in the proceeds from the national promotion.

## 'The Disappearance' begins Ruby Dee's 'Book With Legs' series

by Stephen D. Coleman

"We sometimes discard the best part of the author when we adapt for film or stage," says self-described "word worker" and multiple-award-winning actor/author Ruby Dee.

Ms. Dee's solution to the problem that arises when books are adapted for film or stage is "Books With Legs," a series of adaptations of novels for the stage. The first production in this series is Crossroads Theatre Company's "The Disappearance," which is based on Rosa Guy's novel of the same name. The production closed on February 21.

"Books With Legs," explains Dee, "is a process that I believe will encourage and enhance reading."

Unlike traditional adaptations, which generally truncate an author's story and abandon his or her original intent, Books With Legs remains true to the "style rhythm, and feel of an author while utilizing reading, dramatization, screen techniques, stylization and whatever other elements it takes to weave the magic of compelling storytelling," says Dee enthusiastically.

Indeed all these elements converge in Director Harold Scott's excellent production. The uniformly excellent cast hasn't a weak link in sight, but special mention must be made of Dee, Khalil Kain ("Juice"), Carl Lumbly (TV's "Cagney and Lacey" and "Going to Extremes"); Marie Thomas, founder and artistic director of Children's Theatre Workshop/Peppermint Theatre; and in her stage debut, 16-year-old Treseck Kendrick who simply goes by the name Kharisma.

"The Disappearance" is the story of a young African-American male who, through the foster care system, comes to live with a middle-class African-American family in Brooklyn. Recently acquired of murder, the young man, played by Kain, becomes the prime suspect (Kharisma) disappears.

As in many Crossroads' productions, John Ervil's evocative set virtually becomes a character in the play as the mystery unfolds. But while on the surface a mystery, "The Disappearance" confronts a variety of themes without ever losing its way, including class distinction among African Americans, police brutality and sexism.

Lumbly, as Kain's alter ego, and Thomas, as a family friend, deliver perhaps the finest performances of their stage careers.

Though, as the female narrator, she never interacts with the characters, Dee remains on stage and silently involves herself in the scene as she watches it develop. She carries the book, "The Disappearance," throughout the play because she "didn't want the audience to lose sight of the book."

Dee envisions Books With Legs as "a different way of enjoying a story." According to Harold Scott, audiences will indeed be challenged to "fill in the blanks with their imaginations." That is the joy of good literature and good drama.

Crossroads Dramaturg Sydne Mabone sums it up best: "The value of Books With Legs is in its dynamic revival of the classic African-American oral tradition and in its celebration of literature as an infinite source of enrichment."

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25**  
**MAHWAH—Home to Root:** The Art and Politics of Olla Harrington special reception at the Gallery at Ramapo College. Harrington, a correspondent, illustrator and political advisor to W.E.B. Dubois has resided in Europe since 1951. The exhibit runs through February 25. For info call 201-829-7102.

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 26**  
**WAYNE—"Mr. James Andrew Brown Presents..."** an exhibit by James Andrew Brown, professor of art at William Patterson College, will be on display in the Art Gallery Lounge in the Student Center. For more info call 201-695-2608.

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 27**  
**EAST ORANGE—Artist Fred Williams** will feature his collection of portraits of notable black and white personalities who influenced this country's history, contributed to the civil rights movement, or achieved fame in the field of sports or entertainment over the past one hundred and fifty years in an exhibit at the East Orange Public Library. For more information contact J. W. Lewis at 908-753-0560.

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 28**  
**PLAINFIELD—The Drake House Museum** will present "A Salute to the History of African-American Churches in the African-American Community." Exhibits including lectures at 2 p.m. on three Sundays about Calvary, Zion and Mt. Olive Baptist churches. Admission is \$1, members and children are free. For more info call the museum, located at 602 W. Front St., at 908-755-5631.

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 29**  
**WAYNE—A traveling photographic exhibit** titled "The African-American Presence in Medicine, 1885-1930" will open at the UMDNJ-George F. Smith Library of the Health Sciences, 12th Street. The library is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

**FRIDAY 19 THRU MARCH 4**  
**NEW YORK—Michael Roemer's** "Nothing But a Man," the landmark 1964 film about African Americans struggling to maintain their dignity in the Deep South will be re-released at the Film Forum on Houston St. For info call 212-727-4110.

**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 24**  
**WEST LONG BRANCH—A panel discussion** on "Black Men: Responsibilities for Self-Development, Family and Community" will be held at 7:30 PM in the Wilson Auditorium of Monmouth College.

**JERSEY CITY—A crafts workshop** for children emphasizing African/African-American history month will be held in Children's Department of the Jersey City Public Library, 472 Jersey Ave., at 3:00 PM. For more information call 201-541-4519.

**EDISON—There will be a concert** with "Regency" at noon in the main lounge of the College Center at Middlesex County College. There will also be a documentary of the life of Malcolm X at 6 p.m. in the New Brunswick Center.

**WAYNE—The NAACP at William Patterson College** will host "Black Women's Knowledge Center in the Student Center, rooms 203-5, from 7-9 p.m. Admission is free. For more info call 201-955-2608.

**SOMERVILLE—True Colors** showing at 12 noon at Raritan Valley Community College in the Center Commons Lounge. For info call 908-525-1200.

**LAWRENCEVILLE—The Career Placement Office of Rider College** will present "The ABCs of Starting a Career" at 8 p.m. in their office in the Student Center. Admission is free. For more info call 609-896-5192.

**JERSEY CITY—Edwin "Breeze" Barrow**, a Vietnam veteran who is co-founder of the Third World Veteran's Organization and was recently appointed to serve as a commissioner on the Jersey City Human Rights Commission will speak on "A Nation of Law" in the Student Union Building at Jersey City State College from 1 to 3 p.m. For info call 201-300-2426.

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 25**  
**ELIZABETH—Dr. Clement Price** of Rutgers University will lecture on and discuss "The Role of Religion in the African-American Community" at 12:30 PM in Union County College's Elizabeth Campus Theater. For more information contact Bob Bruno at 908-665-6017.

**ELIZABETH—The Newark Boys Choir** will perform in concert from 1:30 to 2 PM, followed by a reception from 2 to 2:30 PM at the Union County College's Elizabeth Campus Theater. For more information contact Bob Bruno at 908-665-6017.

**NEWARK—A Black Heritage Festival and African Fashion Parade** will be held at the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey-Community Mental Health Center gymnasium from 10 AM to 2 PM.

**EDISON—Victor Vega, Middlesex County College EOP** Counselor and Afrocentric Historian, will speak on "Hispanic Origins in the African World" at 11 a.m. in rooms 319-21 of College Center at MCC.

**NEW BRUNSWICK—African Student Congress Programming Board** and the Black Women's Association for Black Unity, both of Rutgers University, will co-sponsor "Male/Female Stereotypes within the Black Community," a round table discussion on gender images, facilitated by Cheryl Clarke, in the Paul

Robeson Cultural Center on the Busch Campus at 8 p.m. For more info call 908-532-3545.

**LAWRENCEVILLE—"Freedom Theatre's Black History Show"** will conclude Rider College's Black History Month Celebration. The program will be held at 8 p.m. in the Fireside Lounge of the Student Center. Admission is free. For more info call 609-896-5192.

**SOMERVILLE—Elizabeth P. Johnson** of the New Jersey Chapter of the Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society will present "African-American Roots" at 12 noon in the College Center Lounge of Raritan Valley Community College. For info call 908-525-1200.

**FRIDAY FEBRUARY 26**  
**PISCATAWAY—Admiral dance**, featuring African foods and dancers, will be held at 7 PM in the Great Hall of the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Hoes Lane, Piscataway.

**NEWARK—Sutton Hall University's School of Law** will present Gil Noble, of "Like It Is" who will deliver a lecture and slide presentation in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X at 6 p.m. in Room 273 of the law school building One Newark Center. For info call 201-378-9698.

**NEW BRUNSWICK—"For colored girls who have considered suicide when the rainbow is seen,"** a play by Ntozake Shange, performed by Colors of the Rainbow and directed by Lyn Irby, will be presented at Rutgers University in the Lucy Stone Auditorium, on the Livingston campus. Tickets are \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. For more info call 908-623-3545.

**EDISON—There will be a film, "Ethnic Notions,"** and a discussion at 6 p.m. in the College Center at Middlesex County College.

**WAYNE—Sisters for Awareness, Black Leadership and Equality at William Patterson College** will host "A Night for Family and Friends" featuring the one-act play "A Death in the Family," student performers, a fashion show and reception at the Shea Center for the Performing Arts at 7 p.m. Admission is \$1 for students and \$2 for everyone else. For more info call 201-955-2608.

**NEW YORK—"Frederick Douglass Now"** a one-man performance piece created and performed by Roger Guernsey Smith will be presented jointly by Under One Roof Theatre Company and Aaron Davis Hall's "New Faces/New Voices/New Visions" Series at City College at 8 p.m. For info call 212-650-7100.

**SOMERVILLE—The third annual Paul Robeson Youth Achievement Awards Dinner** at 7:30 p.m. in the college cafeteria at Raritan Valley Community College. The awards recognize a number of outstanding Somerset. For reservations call 908-218-6873.

**WEST LONG BRANCH—"A Cultural Celebration Through Poetry, Dance and Song,"** sponsored by the African Studies Program of Monmouth College, will be held at 7 PM in the college's Wilson Auditorium.

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 27**  
**JERSEY CITY—The Milton Branch Library of Jersey City** will present "A Tribute to the Legacy of Malcolm X" at 7:30 PM. Meet Walter Dean Myers, author of "Malcolm X: By Any Means Necessary," and enjoy a cultural performance by Seneca Brissett. The guest speaker will be A.D. Seminar, president of A.E.L.O. Music.

**NEWARK—The Newark Museum, 49 Washington Street**, will present "Voices of the Folk," a family theatre presentation, at 2 p.m. Admission is free.

**EDISON—There will be a workshop, "Male and Female Roles of Passage,"** from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in rooms 319-21 of the College Center at Middlesex County College.

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**NEWARK—The Michael R. Irby Mentoring Program** will host a commemorative program in honor of a history month from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Friendly Field Neighborhood Center, 168 Court St. The event will include a host of activities including poetry and

essay readings, and several plays. For more info, call 201-642-2747.

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28**  
**WEST LONG BRANCH—A group of student skill performances**, entitled "A Celebration of Our Heritage" will be at 7 PM in Monmouth College's Polak Auditorium. This event is sponsored by the African-American Student Union of the college and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

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**MONDAY, MARCH 1**  
**EDISON—There will be a presentation of Black Freedom Theatre** at 11 AM in the College Center at Middlesex County College Center.

**MONDAY, MARCH 8**  
**PISCATAWAY—The drama "1001 Inventions"** will be presented by Pinpoint Productions at 11 AM in the East Lecture Hall of the Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Hoes Lane, Piscataway. The drama depicts the history of African-American scientists.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 16**  
**NEW YORK—The Casino Theatre of Harlem (DTH)** has commissioned the New York City Chapter of Women of Color Culture to create a unique DTH play to be unveiled at the company's Opening Night at Lincoln Center. Silent tickets for the play, starting at \$10,000, will be sold. Partial proceeds from the auction will be donated to the DTH's scholarship fund.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24**  
**NEW YORK—Ladymith Black Mambo**, is featured in "The Song of Jacob Zulu" at the Plymouth Theatre. New play is based on the life story of a young black South African man taught between his love of family and Law and his thirst for freedom. For info call 212-575-0263.

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## Business Calendar

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

**NEWARK** — The technology behind today's competitive success, Continuous Quality Improvement, is the focus of a one-day conference at New Jersey Institute of Technology in the Hazlet Center Ballroom from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call (201) 596-5819.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

**ATLANTIC CITY** — The Division of Development for Small Businesses and Women and Minority Businesses and the New Jersey Small Business Development Center will co-sponsor the first of two workshops on "How to Obtain, Utilize and Maintain Bonding" for emerging companies at Atlantic City Community College, Center City Campus, 1535 Boardwalk Boulevard, Room 276, from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Admission for the seminar is \$250. For more info or to register call 201-548-5590.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

**GARWOOD** — Central Jersey, Cranford & the Westfield Area Chambers of Commerce will co-sponsor "Business After Hours," a networking event, from 5-7:30 p.m. at the Westwood, 438 North Ave., E. Garwood.

TUESDAYS, MARCH 2-MARCH 30

**MONTCLAIR** — The EXCEL Start Right entrepreneurial training program of the New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO) will hold its winter/spring session at the TWCA Women's Center, 6:30-9:30 p.m. For more info or to enroll, call Harriet Nazaretsky at NJAWBO/EXCEL 908-707-0173.

**TRENTON** — Mercer County Community College's Small Business Development Center will hold a seasonal course entitled "How to Write a Business Plan," covering techniques used to develop a business plan which includes business goals, financial projections, market research, and personnel and product or service development. Pre-registration is requested, call 609-586-9446 for information.

TUESDAY, MARCH 2

**JERSEY CITY** — A Workshop on "Review of the Sciences for the N.E.T." will be conducted for teachers from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the CATALYST Center, Hightstown Hall, room 112, at Jersey City State College. For more info call (201) 200-3094.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3

**PISCATAWAY** — The Piscataway/Middlesex Area Chamber of Commerce will host "The Expo Opportunity '93 Job Fair & Trade Show" from 11:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Over 100 companies are expected! For more info call (908) 457-0120.

# Paterson McDonald's restaurant owner cited for outstanding contributions



James Henderson

## Minority career fair and business development expo

**RUTHERFORD** — On March 4th and 5th, Inner City Broadcasting and MECCA Inc. will present a Minority Career Fair and Business Development Expo at the Sheraton Meadowlands. The event will be more than a job exposition, it is employment and career focused. It will offer a variety of avenues from workshops, developing business relationships to career opportunities.

Workshops on Thursday and Friday will be held from 12:00 to 1:30 p.m., which will cover a variety of topics; including sessions on "Making Business Deals," for small business person and others interested in business transactions that require negotiation, joint ventures, or getting major contracts; and "Selling Yourself," geared to teach you how to negotiate salaries, find hidden opportunities, network effectively and package yourself.

For additional information call 908-962-0698.

**PATERSON** — James Henderson, owner of the McDonald's restaurant in Paterson has been honored with the McDonald's Corporation's "Ronald Award," a plaque depicting McDonald's which is hand polished and mounted on a custom walnut base.

The award is presented to selected McDonald's owners who have made an outstanding contribution to McDonald's through marketing, promotions or public relations. Henderson was given the award for his unrelenting commitment to helping others, which reflects McDonald's image as the world's community restaurant.

"Customers come to McDonald's because people like Jim make it fun," said Michael

Quinlan, president and chief operating officer of McDonald's Corporation. "Jim's commitment to his customers and local community is what makes McDonald's special." Henderson, who has operated the restaurant on Paterson's Broadway since 1986, has supported local initiatives for many years. A staunch supporter of the Paterson NAACP Youth group, he hosts approximately 150 "Students of the Month" as his guests for lunch each month.

Additionally, he serves free breakfast to the Eastside High School football squad at McDonald's on Saturday mornings during football season; gives an achievement award to a student from each of four local high schools at graduation; and sponsors boys basketball and girls softball teams.

Henderson also serves on several Boards of Directors including, the Greater Paterson Chamber of Commerce; Paterson Restoration Corporation; Paterson Task Force; Paterson Education Fund; Paterson Come/Unity School; St. Joseph Hospital; Passaic Valley Boy Scout Council; and the Lenni-Lenap Girl Scout Council. He is also active in the tri-state McDonald's Owner/Operator Association, serving as a member of the Public Relations committee, past chairman of the Purchasing Committee, and past president (three terms) of the Black

McDonald's Operators Association.

A native of Yazoo City, Mississippi, Henderson earned a B.S. degree from Tennessee A & I State University. From 1960 to 1973, Henderson was active in the Civil Rights movement in Hartford, Conn., and later in Newark, where he served as executive director of the statewide, interfaith Project Equality. Henderson joined the McDonald's family in 1973 with a restaurant in Plainfield, which he owned and operated there until 1986.

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Specifications and pertinent documents are available at the office of the Housing Authority of the Borough of Carteret, 96 Roosevelt Avenue, Carteret, New Jersey 07008. Sealed bids will be received at the Housing Authority's Office until 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 12, 1993 at which time all bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

The Housing Authority of the Borough of Carteret reserves the right to reject any and all Bids and to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 60 days subsequent to the opening bids.

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Executive Director

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- Bid Requirements are identified in 156 of the Instruction to Bidders.

- Bidders are required to comply with the New Jersey Public Law 1975, c.127, in the Auditorium of Arts High School, 2 Cedar Street, Newark, New Jersey on or after February 10, 1993.

- Bid Documents will be available for inspection at the office of Design and Construction, Room 805 Newark Board of Education, 2 Cedar Street, Newark, New Jersey, on or after February 10, 1993.

- Bid Documents may be obtained from the Director of Purchasing and Warehousing Division, Room 818 Newark Board of Education, 2 Cedar Street, Newark, New Jersey upon tender of a certified check or money order in the amount of \$300.00, non-refundable payable to the Board of Education. Contractors who have obtained the specifications and drawings on the previous solicitation can obtain the necessary revisions at no cost.

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# Spotlight

by R. L. Greene

**NEW YORK** — The saga continues. While Mike Tyson remains in an Indiana state penitentiary, his high-priced lawyers along with flamboyant promoter Don King continue to argue the innocence of the defrocked heavyweight champion.

When last we visited with Tyson, we asked by saying, "He still doesn't get it." Nothing since then has changed.

Tyson was accused, tried and convicted of raping Desiree Washington, who, at the time, was in Indianapolis participating in the Miss Black America beauty pageant. But as far as Tyson's lawyers and advocates are concerned, Tyson is innocent and they will continue their battle to prove they are right.

Or they will continue the battle as long as Mike Tyson has the money to finance their courtroom forays in search of the truth the way they see it.

They aren't breaking new jurisprudence ground here, by the way. This would be the latest way of doing things in America.

In a way, it follows the precedent set by Ronald Reagan when he occupied the Oval Office. When things aren't going your way, make yourself available to the media and continually tell it the way you want it to be.

"She's a groupie," Tyson's lawyer, Alan Dershowitz, has recently shouted. "It's for money," said Dershowitz's lawyer brother, Nathan Dershowitz.

When the lawyers appeared before a three-judge Indiana Court of Appeals panel, they argued that trial judge Patricia J. Gifford erred by blocking testimony from witnesses who might have challenged the believability of Tyson's accuser; that Gifford should have permitted jurors to consider whether Tyson mistakenly believed Washington consented to sex; that the judge should have stopped prosecutors from arguing before the jury that the defense is not obligated to tell the truth; that the judge should have prevented the jurors from listening to Washington's call to 911 reporting the attack; and that prosecutors manipulated court selection procedure to pick a sympathetic judge.

Tyson is due his day in court.

## Somali prime minister speaks

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forming a government representing all Somalis. Mr. Ali Mahdi Mohammed was elected interim President and I, in turn, was appointed interim Prime Minister."

The Prime Minister continues: "In August, 1991, we formed my cabinet, comprising elements from the six factions. Then in November, 1992, after I had left on my extended foreign mission to Saudi Arabia, Europe, and the U.S., General Mohammed Farah Aidid, a signatory of the agreement, staged a surprise attack against the legitimate government.

"His troops caused mass destruction. At least 100,000 of our people were killed. His attack was a breach of trust. It was impossible for the people to get supplies, and the people throughout the land were completely isolated. The violence frightened away supplies from donor countries. Aidid wanted absolute power. Incredibly, General Barre, the first dictator, devastated the North, and General Aidid, the would-be dictator, devastated the South.

"Also, Aidid's troops forcefully took control of the warehouses where most of the humanitarian relief supplies were stored. He hoarded these provisions for his followers, as well as sold them for profit.

"Presently, eleven of the fourteen mushrooming movement groups have aligned themselves with our provisional government. Only three groups are supporters of Aidid. The mandate of the interim government ends in August, 1993. However, prior to this date, all of the groups will meet in March, 1993, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia," says the Prime Minister.

Next week: Jim Raplin asks the Prime Minister about plans to resume an actual government, and about what he suggests should be the short- and long-term objectives for U.N.-backed troops.

Under our laws, he has a legitimate right to appeal his conviction. His attorneys were absolutely correct in going to court and stating their case.

This is not about Mike Tyson's legal rights. This is about the vicious media attacks on the person who was raped.

Even if Tyson fails in his bid for freedom, even if the courts continue to rule that he raped the beauty queen from Rhode Island, even if all legal wrangling is exhausted with the former boxing champion serving his entire six years, an awful lot of people are going to believe the bombastic remarks of the lawyers, not the truth as revealed by the justice system.

Immediately after they appeared in court, the Lawyers Dershowitz talked to a group of law students and in the media, repeating their claim that they have discovered evidence that Miss Washington signed an agreement with a lawyer who later left the case. Courts in Rhode Island have looked into this charge and dismissed it, by the way.

Yet the lawyers continue to pound on this theory, hoping if they pound long and hard enough, it will become truth as far as the public is concerned.

Nathan Dershowitz charges that Miss Washington made up the rape story to get rich by suing and selling the rights to her story. He calls the alleged

document between Miss Washington and the lawyer a "smoking gun" involving Miss Washington's alleged scheme. "That's the only reason you have a contingency fee agreement," he said.

So far, Tyson's lawyers have failed to produce their "smoking gun," but that hasn't stopped Don King, who sees his money-making machine sitting behind bars, from shouting that Tyson has been proven innocent by the Lawyers Dershowitz.

See, if you continue saying it long enough and loud enough, somebody will believe you.

Unfortunately there is a "smoking gun" in this case: Mike Tyson.

This is the same man who sat silently while then-wife Robin Givens, told a television audience that he beat her up. This is the same man who admitted he had sex with a woman who had said he raped her. This is the same man who admitted he threatened to punch one of the jailers shortly after he was convicted.

We're not talking about pocket science here. But the lawyers hope that by repeating it long and hard enough, we might believe their client, when he's not in a boxing ring trying to pound his opponent into submission, is a rocket scientist. Or at least, is the victim.

## Tenants attack housing officials

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agree with Mrs. Peterman, also a tenant at 455 Elizabeth Avenue, when she said, "It's time for a change in the city of Newark. We have got to pull together. Together we stand and divided we fall."

Prather suggested that the group address the city council: "We all vote. Let's let them know. The next major election is 1994."

Some of the people present told success stories about changes that were made once they banded together and stood up for their rights as tenants.

Roberta Moore of McEvoy Towers said that when she became president of the tenants association in 1989 the building was "unlivable."

"The elevators didn't work. There were drugs and prostitution. Each day I had to go up and down dark stairs. When I got in touch with City Hall, inspectors came. The landlord was written up, but still no services," she said. "The inspectors weren't doing their jobs. I [called] I [went] to meetings. I never let go. I [demanded] that something be done."

According to Moore, the building recently got new owners. Now they have 24-hour security and the new landlord is working with them.

A panel consisting of representatives from organizations such as the Newark area NAACP, Newark Emergency Services for Families, Urban League, Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry, Apostles House Family Shelter, Archdiocese of Newark Commission on Justice & Peace, Rutgers Women's Legal Clinic and Junior League of Monclair & Newark took

the testimonies of the people at the hearing. The panel was affected so deeply by the testimony that each member has committed him or herself, as well as their organizations, to do whatever they can to assist the HUD Tenants' Coalition in its efforts to improve housing conditions in Newark.

Moira Schneider of Rutgers Women's Legal Clinic told the audience that it is a shame that they are only heard through organizations: "It would be better if you can make your voices heard on your own, and not have to be heard through an organization. It's bad that people don't pay attention to what you have to say for yourselves."

Jacqueline Lawrence of the NAACP said that everyone must work together to make the housing crisis the number one priority in the city.

"We've got to get a list of demands," she said. "We've got to bring 10,000 people to city hall. We've got to demand change. There is a crisis in the city of Newark. I'm challenging myself and my organization and I will work that 25th hour a day to see that this message is out, and that we come together with all the other groups to make a change. And as a change that has got to come together immediately."

"For so long our expectations as the people have been so low. It has gotten to the point that we can't take any more. We're living in substandard housing. This has got to stop," Lawrence continued. "We are ashamed. We just take it. We have taken so much for so long. I pledge to work with Frank and the others, not just lip service, and to really make a difference in the community."

Elsa Ramirez of Apostles House

said, "We have got to get people to realize that they've got to fight, and we've got to be there for them. Keeping it within this room is not enough. We've got to get it out where it really, really is important. Then we can get some action. Then we can get better conditions of living. I'm willing to do whatever it takes and I'm very glad to be here today with you, and I hope that together we can continue to work and strive and get what we really deserve and need."

Terri Soess, a Vailsburg resident, noted that no one who gave a testimony mentioned the name of his or her landlord at any time during the hearing.

"I think they should be held up for ridicule. Because if we are going to hand out HUD money and millions of dollars of money to them unaccountable and then we're going to turn around and care about how some welfare mother spends her little check, something's wrong," she said. "We have got to stop saying it's tenants."

"We've got to stop talking about how tenants tore up the building. It's true that irresponsible tenants can damage a building. But when an organization presents itself [as having] the ability to manage that building, we expect them to manage that building, and if there are irresponsible tenants, that should be addressed."

The hearing's moderator, Steven Jones of Metropolitan Ecumenical Ministry, thanked everyone for coming and sharing their stories. "We're not where we want to be, but we are not where we were. We really need to lower our tolerance for bad conditions which are around us."



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